

TACTICAL ACTIONS

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONG-KONG.

IGNORA LOUIZA MARCHETTI
(late PRIMA DONNA of SIGNORE BERGAMASCHI'S
ITALIAN OPERA TROUPE)
will give
A SECOND AND LAST GRAND
CONCERT.
ON
TUESDAY EVENING,
the 3rd June, 1884.

Particulars will duly appear in the Pro-
grammes.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle and Stalls	\$2.00
Unreserved Seats	\$1.00

Tickets can be obtained and seats booked at
Messrs. KELLY & WALSH's, and at the Hall on
the night of the Concert.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1884.

TO LET.
With Possession from 1st July Next.
THE CONVENIENT OFFICES, First
Floor of No. 2, Duddell Street.
Apply to
LINSTEAD & DAVIS.
Hongkong, 30th May, 1884. {1025

**THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

THE Company's Steamship
"AMATISTA."
Captain Haunlin, will be despatched for the
above Port TO-MORROW, the 31st instant
at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 30th May, 1894. (103)

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOCHOW
The Company's Steamship
"DOUGLAS."
Captain S. Ashton will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 1st June, a
NINE A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 29th May, 1884. [102]

FOR SWATOW, SINGAPORE, AND
BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Company's Steamer

"PHERA CHULA CHOM KLAO."

Captain Lightwood, will be despatched for the
above Ports on SUNDAY, the 1st June, at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
YUEN FAT HONG

Hongkong, 30th May, 1884. Agents. [102]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PRIAM,"

Captain Butler, will be despatched as above on or about the 2nd June.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Hongkong, 30th May, 1884. [82]
STEAM TO BOMBAY VIA STRAITS.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"KHIVA,"
 will leave for the above place on **SATURDAY**
 the 7th June, at **THREE P.M.**
A. McIVER,
 Superintendent.
 Hongkong, 30th May, 1884. [162]

CHART WANTED.
A NY GENTLEMAN having WEST RIVER
CHARTS Sheets Nos. 1 and 2 will much
oblige by communicating with
"INQUIRER,"
Care of Office of this Journal
Hongkong, 27th May, 1884. [161]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.
NOTICE is hereby given that **ORIGINAL**
SCRIP CERTIFICATE No. 63, dated
 31st December, 1899, for **THREE OLD SHARES**
 in the above Company standing in the name of
NINIAN CRAWFORD has been lost, and should
 the same not be produced before the 10th June
 Next a New Scrip Certificate will be issued to
 Mr. **NINIAN CRAWFORD** for Twelve New Shares
 in accordance with the Special Resolution sub-
 stituted.

and no transaction taking place under the said Original Scrip Certificate No. 63, will be re-
cognized by the Company.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.
Hongkong, 27th May, 1884. 1011

WANTED—A SITUATION by a
YOUNG MAN, CLERK of the TELEGRAPH
OFFICE, having a thorough knowledge of

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at the City Hall on the 30th December,
 1882, all SHAREHOLDERS took the and on the 1st
 and 3rd, 4th and 4th CALEB PAID on at before
 the 30th of the year will be obliged by the
 Directors in such manner as in their discretion
 they shall think best for the interests of the
 Corporation. 25/3 30/12
 By Order of the Court of Directors,
 JOHN T. JACKSON,
 CHIEF CLERK AND GENERAL MANAGER.
 Hongkong, 25th April 1884. [838]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
 The Undersigned has REMOVED to the rear of his former place of business, entrance from Messrs. Turner & Co's Lane, and to **WILLIAM DOBAN**, Hongkong, 9th Mo, 1897. [528]
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.
NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

MEMORANDUM DATED 11th April 1934
 The Departmental Instructions for the year 1934, has
 this day been declared. The same will be
 in force from 1st May 1934.
 The Instructions will be put in application at the
 above Office from and after the 10th proximo.
 Signed ARTHUR MADHSON & Co.,
 202 BAIT, J. General Agents.
 Hongkong 29th April 1934. 1856
 1931 10th 1934 1934 1934 1934

NOTICES.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1881. SECOND DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following Numbers of Bonds to be paid off at Par in the Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, in Hongkong, on the 24th day of May, 1884, when the interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day Drawn at the Office of the said Corporation in Hongkong, in the presence of Mr. GEORGE ROBERT JOHNSON, Chief Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

1898 BONDS NOS.—									
7	15	24	33	42	51	60	69	78	87
96	105	114	123	132	141	150	159	168	177
186	195	204	213	222	231	240	249	258	267
276	285	294	303	312	321	330	339	348	357
366	375	384	393	402	411	420	429	438	447
456	465	474	483	492	501	510	519	528	537
546	555	564	573	582	591	600	609	618	627
636	645	654	663	672	681	690	699	708	717
726	735	744	753	762	771	780	789	798	807
816	825	834	843	852	861	870	879	888	897
906	915	924	933	942	951	960	969	978	987
996	1005	1014	1023	1032	1041	1050	1059	1068	1077
1086	1095	1104	1113	1122	1131	1140	1149	1158	1167
1176	1185	1194	1203	1212	1221	1230	1239	1248	1257
1266	1275	1284	1293	1302	1311	1320	1329	1338	1347
1356	1365	1374	1383	1392	1401	1410	1419	1428	1437
1446	1455	1464	1473	1482	1491	1500	1509	1518	1527
1536	1545	1554	1563	1572	1581	1590	1599	1608	1617
1626	1635	1644	1653	1662	1671	1680	1689	1698	1707
1716	1725	1734	1743	1752	1761	1770	1779	1788	1797
1806	1815	1824	1833	1842	1851	1860	1869	1878	1887
1896	1905	1914	1923	1932	1941	1950	1959	1968	1977
1986	1995	2004	2013	2022	2031	2040	2049	2058	2067
2076	2085	2094	2103	2112	2121	2130	2139	2148	2157
2166	2175	2184	2193	2202	2211	2220	2229	2238	2247
2256	2265	2274	2283	2292	2301	2310	2319	2328	2337
2346	2355	2364	2373	2382	2391	2400	2409	2418	2427
2436	2445	2454	2463	2472	2481	2490	2499	2508	2517
2526	2535	2544	2553	2562	2571	2580	2589	2598	2607
2616	2625	2634	2643	2652	2661	2670	2679	2688	2697
2706	2715	2724	2733	2742	2751	2760	2769	2778	2787
2796	2805	2814	2823	2832	2841	2850	2859	2868	2877
2886	2895	2904	2913	2922	2931	2940	2949	2958	2967
2976	2985	2994	3003	3012	3021	3030	3039	3048	3057
3066	3075	3084	3093	3102	3111	3120	3129	3138	3147
3156	3165	3174	3183	3192	3201	3210	3219	3228	3237
3246	3255	3264	3273	3282	3291	3300	3309	3318	3327
3336	3345	3354	3363	3372	3381	3390	3399	3408	3417
3426	3435	3444	3453	3462	3471	3480	3489	3498	3507
3516	3525	3534	3543	3552	3561	3570	3579	3588	3597
3606	3615	3624	3633	3642	3651	3660	3669	3678	3687
3696	3705	3714	3723	3732	3741	3750	3759	3768	3777
3786	3795	3804	3813	3822	3831	3840	3849	3858	3867
3876	3885	3894	3903	3912	3921	3930	3939	3948	3957
3966	3975	3984	3993	4002	4011	4020	4029	4038	4047
4056	4065	4074	4083	4092	4101	4110	4119	4128	4137
4146	4155	4164	4173	4182	4191	4200	4209	4218	4227
4236	4245	4254	4263	4272	4281	4290	4299	4308	4317
4326	4335	4344	4353	4362	4371	4380	4389	4398	4407
4416	4425	4434	4443	4452	4461	4470	4479	4488	4497
4506	4515	4524	4533	4542	4551	4560	4569	4578	4587
4596	4605	4614	4623	4632	4641	4650	4659	4668	4677
4686	4695	4704	4713	4722	4731	4740	4749	4758	4767
4776	4785	4794	4803	4812	4821	4830	4839	4848	4857
4866	4875	4884	4893	4902	4911	4920	4929	4938	4947
4956	4965	4974	4983	4992	5001	5010	5019	5028	5037
5046	5055	5064	5073	5082	5091	5100	5109	5118	5127
5136	5145	5154	5163	5172	5181	5190	5199	5208	5217
5226	5235	5244	5253	5262	5271	5280	5289	5298	5307
5316	5325	5334	5343	5352	5361	5370	5379	5388	5397
5406	5415	5424	5433	5442	5451	5460	5469	5478	5487
5496	5505	5514	5523	5532	5541	5550	5559	5568	5577
5586	5595	5604	5613	5622	5631	5640	5649	5658	5667
5676	5685	5694	5703	5712	5721	5730	5739	5748	5757
5766	5775	5784	5793	5802	5811	5820	5829	5838	5847
5856	5865	5874	5883	5892	5901	5910	5919	5928	5937
5946	5955	5964	5973	5982	5991	6000	6009	6018	6027
6036	6045	6054	6063	6072	6081	6090	6099	6108	6117
6126	6135	6144	6153	6162	6171	6180	6189	6198	6207
6216	6225	6234	6243	6252	6261	6270	6279	6288	6297
6306	6315	6324	6333	6342	6351	6360	6369	6378	6387
6396	6405	6414	6423	6432	6441	6450	6459	6468	6477
6486	6495	6504	6513	6522	6531	6540	6549	6558	6567
6576	6585	6594	6603	6612	6621	6630	6639	6648	6657
6666	6675	6684	6693	6702	6711	6720	6729	6738	6747
6756	6765	6774	6783	6792	6801	6810	6819	6828	6837
6846	6855	6864	6873	6882	6891	6900	6909	6918	6927
6936	6945	6954	6963	6972	6981	6990	6999	7008	7017
7026	7035	7044	7053	7062	7071	7080	7089	7098	7107
7116	7125	7134	7143	7152	7161	7170	7179	7188	7197
7206	7215	7224	7233	7242	7251	7260	7269	7278	7287
7296	7305	7314	7323	7332	7341	7350	7359	7368	7377
7386	7395	7404	7413	7422	7431	7440	7449	7458	7467
7476	7485	7494	7503	7512	7521	7530	7539	7548	7557
7566	7575	7584	7593	7602	7611	7620	7629	7638	7647
7656	7665	7674	7683	7692	7701	7710	7719	7728	7737
7746	7755	7764	7773	7782	7791	7800	7809	7818	7827
7836	7845	7854	7863	7872	7881	7890	7899	7908	7917
7926	7935	7944	7953	7962	7971	7980	7989	7998	8007
8016	8025	8034	8043	8052	8061	8070	8079	8088	8097
8106	8115	8124	8133	8142	8151	8160	8169	8178	8187
8196	8205	8214	8223	8232	8241	8250	8259	8268	8277
8286	8295	8304	8313	8322	8331	8340	8349	8358	8367
8376	8385	8394	8403	8412	8421	8430	8439	8448	8457
8466	8475	8484	8493	8502	8511	8520	8529	8538	8547
8556	8565	8574	8583	8592	8601	8610	8619	8628	8637
8646	8655	8664	8673	8682	8691	8700	8709	8718	8727
8736	8745	8754	8763	8772	8781	8790	8799	8808	8817

For Shanghai Tels 648,000.—Shanghai

For Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

(Signed) G. R. JOHNSON, Chief Accountant.

Notary Public, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 28th day of March, 1884. [1000]

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT LOAN OF 1881.

The INTEREST due 24th day of May current, of the above LOAN, together with the BONDS DRAWN for Redemption, will be PAID at the Office of this Corporation on and after that date.

For Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Agent for the Loan, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1884. [1001]

A. S. WATSON & CO.

FAMILY AND DISPENSARY CHEMISTS.

By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and His Royal Highness the DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS.

PERFUMERS.

PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS.

DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIERS.

AND

BRATED WATER MAKERS.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED.

PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. WATSON & Co., or HONGKONG DISPENSARY. [25]

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

HONGKONG, MAY 30TH, 1884.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 30TH, 1884.

Ma. Fong's report recently published gives an interesting account of the afforestation work carried on in the Colony during last year, together with a summary of the total results of previous years' plantations.

The Colony has good reason to congratulate itself on the success which has attended this work. Already a great change has been wrought in the appearance of the island and every succeeding year the improvement will become more striking, the barren slopes being gradually covered with young forests.

No one can walk along the Pokfulam-road, the Shaukiwan-road, or up to the Peak without observing the appearance of freshness and beauty which the plantations have imparted to the formerly bare hillsides.

A considerable portion of the island is now available for planting, large spaces having to be reserved for the water-sheds, while on some exposed ridges and other parts plantations offer no prospect of success. Deducting these we believe about half the available ground is now covered with trees, but a large proportion of those recently planted are as yet too young to attract attention when viewed from a distance. Perhaps about five or six years may be required to bring them to the stage when they will be able to complete the main work of afforestation, after which the attention of the department will be confined to the conservation of the forests and their improvement by the introduction of different varieties of timber. The plantations consist for the most part of the China pine, but already a good number of other trees of various kinds have been introduced, about twenty-five thousand being planted last year alone. The pine is the most useful tree for rapidly clothing the hills, and from an economical point of view also we think it will turn out valuable. During the past year two of the Mount Gough and two of the Bowington plantations were systematically thinned for the first time. 4,678 trees were cut as they stood and were felled by the purchaser and split up to be sold as fuel.

As the plantations grow the thinnings will go a long way to supply the Colony with its own firewood, and some of the timber will no doubt be found available for building operations.

A good supply of the seeds of the Chinese varnish tree, the report informs us, were sown. This is a tree of considerable economic importance, the oil it yields being in much demand amongst the Chinese. The valuable casha lignea tree has also been successfully introduced. This was a result of Mr. Fong's botanical expedition up the West River in 1882. Another expedition attended with very satisfactory results was made last year; and the Government may fairly be expected to continue to provide funds for the gradual, but certain, exploration of South China, both with the view of enriching our plantations and gardens with trees and plants valuable either for their beauty or economic importance, and also for the furtherance of science.

Returning to the planting operations carried on last year, we find that a few plants of both the Chinese and Indian tea shrubs were planted as an experiment. Some seeds of the tea-oil plant were also sown, and the coffee wood tree continues to thrive. A large number of other trees, including gums and oaks, are being introduced amongst the plantations and will afford a pleasing variety to the landscape. The primary object of afforestation in Hongkong is to improve the appearance of the island and its hygienic and climatic conditions. If the forests can be made to yield a revenue, that is an incidental advantage to be received with great satisfaction, but even although no return whatever could be expected, the prosecution of the work would be none the less imperative. We recently saw suggested in a contemporary a very simple experiment to illustrate the advantages of afforestation. If water be poured over a bare table it immediately runs off and in a short time the table is dry again. If, however, the table be covered with moss the water trickles off very slowly and the table will remain damp for days. The same result follows on rain falling in a country possessing forests and in an arid country respectively. Hongkong is an arid country and its climatic conditions are in the main determined by those of the neighbouring mainland, but even with such a limited area to operate upon we believe it possible to effect some modification, and in the event of a long drought in the hot season—an event which happily seldom occurs, but which is excessively painful when it does—the value of the plantations from this point of view would make itself signally apparent. One other part of Mr. Fong's report invites remark. In the streets and roads of the colony there are upwards of 3,000 trees under the management of the department which, if placed at uniform distance of thirty feet apart, would represent an avenue of trees miles in length. Unfortunately every year sees a diminution of the large trees in the streets, many having to be removed to allow of the erection of verandahs, of street alterations, &c. It is to be regretted that the streets of Hongkong are so narrow

